

The Conning Tower

ENTERED FOR "COLLIER'S" HALF-CENTURY PRIZE.

I've taken my tubs where I've found 'em;
I've plunged and floated and rolled;
I've had a million immersions,
And most of the lot was cold.
But the sight of me ain't very pretty,
And I think you will have to concur
That you'd do a lot better to look at Annette
And learn about swimmin' from her.

"These men," said Mr. Shonts, referring to the 11,000 employees who refused to strike, "have gone through hell and high water for us, and we are going to stick to them." A friend of ours among the strikers says he is in favor of deleting Mr. Shonts's penultimate word.

FAMILIAR MISQUOTATIONS.

"Certain inalienable rights."

If Our Candidate—no. New paragraph.
When Our Candidate is elected, the boon we crave of his bounty is scant. All we seek is a consulate or an ambassadorship to a country where straw hats are worn 12 months in the year.

Impossible story beginning: "Well," said the employer, "we should like to arbitrate, as there are many things that might be adjudicated."

THE DIARY OF OUR OWN SAMUEL PEPPY.

September 17.—With my wife to Bound Brook, by petrolewagon, to H. O'Higgins's, and had a merry time of it. To J. Johnson's tennis-court, and played three sets with D. Doty, and one with J. Johnson, but neither of them has any skill with a racket. But it was pleasant for me to win, after the many times I lose. Back to the city, and to the office for a few minutes, to see that all was going well, though if it had not been, what to do I should not have known.

18.—All day at the office, and in the evening to see "Pollyanna," the syrupy sweetness of which was cloying, and only the fact that it was raining, and I was forced to ride in a cab, restored my balance. For insistent optimism I find fermenting.

19.—To the office, and finished reading "The Sailor," of Mr. Smith's, a fine book, save for a too easy solution of a difficulty in the plot. Nor do I understand this: how one of the most famous football players in England could attain fame in a different branch of endeavor without a single person noting the identity of name. But perhaps that is cavilling.

The cost of print paper will have to double before this department pretends that lack of space keeps them from public knowledge. Therefore, at Atlantic City, Mr. Ettore Martini has just composed a song, "Night, Sing for Me," the words to which were written by Mr. M. A. Beer.

... a grave and reverend signior in a frock coat, whom Mr. Harper instinctively felt was the editor himself.—From "The Sailor," by J. C. Smith.

Does Mr. A. E. Thomas, who we once thought knew about such things, still defend Mr. Smith's use of "whom"?

REAL ESTATE NOTE.

Little drops of water
On little grains of sand
Make a mighty difference
In the price of land.

J. M. NELSON.

The fair weather of yesterday encouraged the managers, just as stormy weather would have done. A political manager's creed is "Pollyanna's"; he finds something to be glad about in everything and in nothing.

Suggestion to Mr. George C. Tyler: At the hundredth performance of "Pollyanna," the "glad" play, have addresses made by Miss Gladys Zell and the Rev. Washington Gladden; for souvenirs to women, gladioli—to men, Gladstone bags.

THE BLIGHTING OF A SENSITIVE PLANT.

I was a dumb and inarticulate soul
That yearned for friendship and got—sympathy.
I could not talk with people,
People would not talk with me.
Never had I looked into a maiden's eyes
—Except in dreams—
Never had I spoken words out of my soul
Or heard her speak in sweet sincerity—
Until once
When we were riding on top of the Riverside bus
By moonlight.
Foliage floated past; rich palaces
And marble statues, as in a royal progress,
Marched by unendingly.
A thousand stars gleamed in the Milky Way,
And over all the mellow moonlight
Played, like the magic of the voice of waters
Under the willows in cool meadow-lands.
And then I talked,
I opened wide the well-spring of my heart to her.
And, after the first gasp of astonishment
At the undreamed-of depths revealed,
She came to me and told me of the secret things,
The hidden, lovely visions of her inner self,
Till then, crushed back
To silence and the dreadfulness of death.
She was the only girl in all the world
And I the happiest soul that walked on earth
Or sang among the leaves, or winged its way
Triumphant, in the glowing planet-path.
Then home I went and took my favorite paper,
Turned to The Conning Tower and read something like this:

The Bus Talkers.
"Dimples, you're right there!"
"Huh!"
"I mean it."
"Huh!"
"I mean it."
"Quicker kiddin'!"
And straightway I was dumb and inarticulate
As ever.

A careful reading of Punch's "Charivaria" for the past few months—in fact, since the death of Mr. Walter Emmanuel—leads one to believe that England's best paragraphs are not shirking their duty at the front.

Commercial Candor: "I have a number of uncalled-for Suits, gathered together from my various stores that are all ready to wear out as low as \$5.00."

VACATION DAYS.
VI.

THE DAY OF GENIUS: ON VISITING THE HOME OF LONGFELLOW.
Our lives are deadened, in this modern world,
Drugged with a continual opiate of diversion
That steals our wits and lulls our brain to slumber.
In that other time men lived—and worked.
They longed for beauty, so created it,
Each nerve tingling to the exquisite thrills
That soothe our drowsy senses with dreams.
What those men felt—we read about,
Contented with a pleasure not our own,
Deep in the golden days our eyes never looked on,
And drunk with draughts of borrowed wine.

Woman Shoots at Husband and Hits Man.—St. Louis Times
Are husbands men?

The autumnal equinox furnishes to-day's music-cue.
Tis the last day of su-hum-mer!

F. P. A.

SOCIETY DRAWN TO HORSE SHOW

Opening at White Plains
To-day Will Attract
Many.

NEARBY HOMES TO DO
MUCH ENTERTAINING

Twenty-third Annual Exhibition Will Last Week
at Gedney Farm.

Society will be well represented to-day at the opening of the Westchester County Horse Show at White Plains, and there will be much entertaining for the next few days on the part of those owning country houses in the neighborhood. This, the twenty-third annual exhibition, will be held at Gedney Farm, where a show ring has been laid out. The show will be continued until the end of the week, with sixteen classes each day.

The judges will be Pierre Lorillard, Jr., Howard Brown, George B. Helme and Clarence F. Levin. Among those in charge of the show are Oliver Harriman, Robert W. Leonard, Ernest Iselin, Edwin Gould, J. Rich Steers, Henry Rowland, J. W. Harriman, G. D. F. Leith, J. Campbell Thompson, William Zeller, Jr., S. Bryce Wing and W. S. Blitz.

Miss Elizabeth Adelaide Cannon, daughter by a former marriage of Mrs. Theodore Frelinghuysen, will marry to-day at the home of her father, at Tuxedo Park. The engagement was announced last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard T. Wilson have returned to the city from Newport.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay F. Carlisle, who spent the greater part of the summer at their country place at Islip, are at the Vanderbilt for a few days.

Mrs. Alexander D. B. Pratt has arrived in town from Newport and is at the Ritz-Carlton for the week.

Mr. Hermann B. Duryea has returned to New York from Paris, where she spent the summer.

Mrs. Lewis L. Deland and Miss Emily Deland have joined Miss Charlotte Deland at the Homestead Hotel, Hot Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fletcher Godfrey and Miss Marion and Miss Theodore Tiffany have taken the Redwood cottage in Newport for a month.

Mr. and Mrs. Crawford Burton have arrived in town from Oyster Bay and are at the Lorraine.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Chaucer McKee have gone to White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., for the remainder of the fall.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Skiddy von Stade have returned to their country place at Westbury, L. I., for the fall.

Mrs. Robert C. Winnill has returned to her country place at Millneck, L. I., from Ardley, where she was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Allen Townsend.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lewis Morris have returned to town from Pawling, N. Y., and have opened their home, 12 West Fifty-third Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene S. Reynal have closed their Newport season and are at Millbrook, Conn., for the remainder of the fall.

J. J. COOGAN NEWPORT PLACE TO BE REOPENED

Repairs Planned for Estate Swept by Fire—Society Notes.

Newport, Sept. 19.—The J. J. Coogan estate, on Catherine Street, which has stood idle since a fire several years ago, is to be repaired at once, so Mrs. Coogan and her family may resume their residence here.

Mrs. Sowell Evans, when she returns from the woman's preparedness camp at Point Judith to-morrow, will be accompanied by several of the women who have been at the camp, who will be her guests.

James V. Parker is giving a dinner on Thursday night and James J. Van Allen a dinner Friday night. Mrs. Henry Clews and Mrs. Gibson Fanneberg gave luncheon to-day.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Van Beuren will not close their Middletown residence until the beginning of the year.

Mrs. Robert K. Cassatt is planning to remain for another month. Mr. and Mrs. J. Stewart Barney will keep the Osgood villa open until November and Mr. and Mrs. William F. Whitehouse are remaining at Eastbourne Lodge until about the same time.

Mr. Arthur Graham of Glasgow gave a luncheon to-day at the Corners.

Mrs. Hugh D. Auchincloss has announced a luncheon for Thursday and Mrs. John A. Logan one for Saturday.

Francis Roche has returned to New York, after visiting his mother, Mrs. Burke Roche.

Mrs. Forsythe Wickes returned to New York to-day.

WILLIS-SLEE.
Miss Elizabeth Lewis Slee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Noah Slee, of Beacon-on-the-Hudson and 470 Park Avenue, and Walter Irving Willis, of Jamaica Avenue, Flushing, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Willis, of Buffalo, were married yesterday afternoon in St. Luke's Church, Beacon-on-the-Hudson. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Carl Reiland, of St. George's Church, Manhattan. Mr. Willis is secretary of the Chamber of Commerce of Queens. They will make their home in Flushing.

HEBENSTREIT-SCHULTZ.
Miss Gertrude Schultz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Schultz, of North Centre Avenue, Rockville Centre, L. I., was married yesterday to Ferdinand B. Hebenstreit, of Baldwin, L. I. The ceremony took place in St. Agnes's Roman Catholic Church, of Rockville Centre.

TEPPER-NEBENZAHL.
Cedarhurst, L. I., Sept. 19.—Miss Esther Rose Nebenzaahl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Louis Nebenzaahl, of Far Rockaway, was married last evening at the Cedarhurst Country Club to Dr. Abraham S. Tepper, of Far Rockaway.

ABANDON NASSAU BALL BECAUSE OF PARALYSIS

Backers Instead Ask Subscriptions for Hospital.

Westbury, L. I., Sept. 19.—Plans for the annual charity ball of Nassau County for the benefit of the Nassau County Hospital have been abandoned because of the infantile paralysis epidemic. The committee in charge of arrangements for the ball will send out subscription blanks for the hospital instead.

Among the patrons of the Nassau County charity ball were Mrs. Robert Bacon, Mrs. Charles Steele, Mrs. Devoreux Milburn, Mrs. Willard D. Smith, Mrs. Henry P. Whitney, Mrs. Oliver W. W. Morris, Mrs. D. Cravath, Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, Jr., and Mrs. Henry Carnegie Phipps.

2 WEDDINGS ENLIVEN COLONY AT BEVERLY

Miss Williams and Miss Agassiz Become Brides.

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.)

Beverly, Mass., Sept. 19.—Two North Shore weddings took place this afternoon. The first was at Edgewater House, the summer home of Mrs. Joseph Leiter, of Washington, at Beverly Farms, where her sister, Miss Frances E. Williams, daughter of Colonel and Mrs. John R. Williams, of Washington, became the bride of John Ballentine Pitney, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. H. Pitney, of Morristown, N. J.

The second was at Homewood, the summer home of Mr. and Mrs. Rodolph L. Agassiz, at Hamilton, where their elder daughter was married to Cornelius Conway Felton, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Felton, Jr., of Philadelphia.

The ceremony at the Williams-Pitney wedding was performed by the Rev. Nicholas R. Walsh, pastor of St. Margaret's Catholic Church at Beverly Farms. The bride was given in marriage by her father, the groom by his mother, Mrs. Pitney.

The bridegroom is a second lieutenant in the United States Army, and will take his bride to the station to which he is assigned.

A large reception followed the ceremony, music being furnished by an orchestra brought on from Washington. Mr. Pitney recently won the examination for a second lieutenant in the United States Army, and will take his bride to the station to which he is assigned.

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Starlings, Saved From Death By Law's Delay, Twit Policeman

Sentenced to Be Shot at Dusk, Birds Flock to Montclair—Rueful Rifleman, Awaiting Permit, Watches Feathered Foe on Parade in Trees' Branches.

A cloud of English starlings came winging their way over the house-tops of Montclair, N. J., at dusk last evening, and settled, with a great twittering and rustle of wings, in the trees that line the Crescent, one of Montclair's exclusive residence streets. A lone figure in blue coat and brass buttons stood near a big oak and gazed up, long and ruefully, at the feathered host above him.

"Dog-gone it, that's just my luck!" he ejaculated. "If these here United States mails had been a little faster, and the permit I was expected to get, instead of standing here and letting them laugh at me, and me practising my shotgun for a week, the permit would have come to-day."

The disconsolate speaker was Patrolman William Stewart, who has been appointed official starling executioner of Montclair. In a corner of the Montclair police station stood yesterday a double-barreled shotgun, with a package of shells beside it. It is the official weapon of execution that is to end the starlings' summer visit in the Crescent. But last night the starling still lived.

Patrolman Stewart was waiting for the arrival of a permit from the State Fish and Game Commission before he could begin his duty. But the permit did not arrive, Patrolman Stewart's little private hunting expedition was postponed until another day.

LUSITANIA SUITS HALTED BY PLEA

Line Asks Limitation of Liability to \$91,296

Saved from Wreck.

The Cunard Steamship Company, against which suits for \$5,383,497 have been brought by survivors of the Lusitania disaster and heirs of those who perished on the torpedoed liner, filed in the Admiralty branch of the Federal court yesterday a petition for limitation of liability.

In this petition the company alleges it had taken every precaution prescribed by law to avert disaster. It is brought out the liner was sunk, presumably by a German submarine, in violation of the law of nations and of the laws and usages of war as recognized by civilized governments, and not through any fault of the petitioners, their servants or agents. Further, it states that the stripping salvaged from the wreck, the freight earned on the voyage and the passage money of the passengers amount to \$91,296. The company asks for a limitation of liability to this sum.

Court Accepts Appraisal. Judge Julius M. Mayer, on the presentation of the petition, accepted an ad interim stipulation, signed by Richard L. Walker, assistant to the general agent of the Cunard Steamship Company, and by the Maryland Casualty Company, for \$100,000, the Cunard company's appraisal interest in the Lusitania when she sank.

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MAJ. OSBORNE A. DAY WEDS MISS G. S. KEARNEY

Brother Gives Away Bride in Trinity, New Haven.

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.)
New Haven, Sept. 19.—In Trinity Episcopal Church this afternoon Miss Gertrude Smedberg Kearney, daughter of the late Captain George H. Kearney, U. S. N., was married to Major Osborne Atwater Day, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. Charles O. Scoville, rector of the church.

Miss Kearney was given in marriage by her brother, Philip J. Kearney, and her only attendant was her sister, Miss Isabel Mackay Kearney.

Mr. Day's best man was his brother, A. H. Day, and his ushers were Edward C. Trowbridge, Victor M. Tyler, Roger Tyler, Eliot W. James, McCallister, Henry H. Townsend, Dr. Rayman Townsend and Winchester Bennett.

After the ceremony the bride and groom were driven to the home of the bride's parents, where a reception was given. The wedding party then proceeded to the Greenwald Cemetery for the funeral procession to Greenwood Cemetery.

ACCOUNTING IS ASKED OF \$25,000,000 COMPANY

Sister Sues Charles W. Turner of Hydro-Carbon Products.

Miss Cora L. Turner, of Montague Terrace, Brooklyn, brought an action in the Supreme Court yesterday against her brother, Charles W. Turner, for an accounting of the Hydro-Carbon Products Company, capitalized at \$25,000,000, which exploits a hydro-carbon burner, the invention of the defendant, and whose mission is "to revolutionize the production of gasoline for commercial purposes."

According to Miss Turner, the estate claimed between her brother and her was caused by his marrying a woman one-third his years in 1913, he being about sixty-five years old. Turner's friendly attitude toward his change soon after the marriage, said Miss Turner, and besides leaving the house in which they lived together he excluded her from a stockholders' meeting and failed to live up to a contract between them.

Miss Turner said that fifteen years ago she entered into a contract with her brother under which she was to have a share in the hydro-carbon burner. The profits of the project were to be equally divided. The sister says that she carried out her part of the agreement, but that her brother, who obtained patents on the idea of his father and another invention growing out of the one inherited, has refused to give her the one-half of the proceeds to which she is entitled.

The Hydro-Carbon Company has a plant at Lorillard, N. J. One of its processes is said to distill from crude oil and water forty commercial liquids including various qualities of gasoline, kerosene and turpentine.

BEAUTIES SHOW STYLES FOR ABRAHAM & STRAUS

Short Skirts, Frills and High Waist Lines to Go.

Queens for the day, twenty girls promenaded royally through fashionland yesterday afternoon at the fall opening of Abraham & Straus, 420 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, while thousands of women looked on with interest. A few mystified men skulked in the background.

They were queens not only by right of their good looks, but because reality is the loudest note the winter clothes struck. Short skirts are doomed, high waist lines have gone, and all that is merely frivolous and chic is vanishing. Sweeping lines, rich materials, more full trimming give stateliness to the new era. Gold is the chosen winter color, whether for afternoon or evening wear, with royal purple a close second. The train is sweeping in again.

The dignity of the season's styles is relieved by a number of charming variations. For the first time since Eve set the original fashion there is a little old costume—the autumn leaf suit, all of crisp, rustling brown and green, with a dash of red. Evening gowns have angel sleeves, or rhinestone ladders as substitutes.

Peggy has contributed a checkerboard suit for the young girl. The mermaid evening gown sparkles with jet or sequin, and there is an abstinence afternoon gown, combined of panne velvet, Georgette and embroidery, as intoxicating as its name.

Almost all of the tailored suits are of three-fourths length or longer.

COURT SERVER'S ERROR ENDS SEPARATION SUIT

Wife of Phœnix Howard Withdraws Action and Alimony Plea.

A mistake in the serving of a summons and complaint has saved Phœnix Howard, oil and mining promoter, with offices in Broad Street, the troubles of a separation suit which Mrs. Wilhelmina Howard brought against him.

James O. Stewart, a partner of Howard, was the man served by mistake in the separation action. He replied to the summons and complaint that he was never known as Phœnix Howard, although the process server was sure he was the man.

This mistake upset the whole proceeding and the attorney for Mrs. Howard caused the action to be discontinued in the Supreme Court yesterday, although the process server was sure he was the man.

The Howards were married in St. Louis in 1903, and the wife said that their hotel expenses were from \$25 to \$50 a day. One day, said Mrs. Howard, her husband gave up his rooms at the Biltmore and went to live at the Somerset Club.

Mrs. Howard said in her petition for liberal alimony that Howard has an income of \$50,000 to \$75,000 a year, owns some California oil wells and has other valuable property.

LOSES INCOME IF HE REWEDES

Ex-Judge Abel I. Smith Must Remain Widower to Enjoy Wife's Benefaction.

The will of Mrs. Laura N. Smith, offered for probate yesterday in Jersey City, provides for a trust fund of \$30,000, the interest from which is to go to her husband, ex-Judge Abel I. Smith, so long as he stays single.